

Regular Session, 2009

SENATE BILL NO. 251

BY SENATOR ERDEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CHILDREN. Requires day care facilities to provide parents with reports issued by the Department of Social Services. (8/15/09)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1426(C), relative to the Department of Social Services; to provide for disclosure of information by licensed day care centers to parents; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:1426(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1426. Disclosure of information

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C.(1) Licensed day care centers and other state agencies shall cooperate with the secretary of the department to make such requested information available.

**(2) The day care center shall make available to parents or legal guardians information on how to view or obtain copies of child care licensing surveys from the department. Day care centers shall post information which explains that the licensing surveys are available online and list the web address where such information may be obtained and information which explains that licensing surveys may be obtained by sending a request in writing to the department. The department shall develop a form suitable for display which**

1 **shall be posted at each licensed day care center in compliance with this**

2 **Subsection.**

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The original instrument was prepared by Bobbie Hunter. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Greg Waddell.

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#### DIGEST

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Present law provides that DSS make available, upon the request of a parent or guardian of any child who has applied for placement in a day care facility, information on abuse, neglect, exploitation, persons convicted of a crime, or pled guilty of a crime, violations of standards, rules, and regulations applicable to such day care center.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that a day care center shall make available to parents or legal guardians information on how to view or obtain copies of child care licensing surveys from the department.

Proposed law further provides that day care centers shall post information which explains that the licensing surveys are available online and list the web address where such information may be obtained and information which explains that licensing surveys may be obtained by sending a request in writing to the department.

Proposed law requires DSS to develop a form suitable for display which shall be posted at each licensed day care center in compliance with proposed law.

Effective August 15, 2009.

(Amends R.S. 46:1426(C))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill.

1. Removes the requirement that all reports from inspections made by the department must be provided to parents by the day care facility.
2. Adds the requirement that the day care center shall make available to parents and guardians information on how to view or obtain copies of child care licensing surveys from the department.
3. Requires day care centers to post information which explains that the licensing surveys are available online and that the licensing surveys are also available upon request to the department.
4. Requires the department to develop a form suitable for display which shall be posted by the day care center which details the information required to be given to parents or legal guardians.